

A Representation of Great Evils, Arising by the Exportation of *Wooll*.

Shewing how it affects the Poor, Trade and Traders, Lands, and the King and Kingdom in general, with a short View of an easie Remedy, Humbly offer'd to the Honourable House of Commons,

By William Woodford.

- I. **E**xportation of *Wooll* will certainly Impoverish and Weaken our own Nation, and Enrich and Strengthen others.
 By taking away the Employment of our *Poor*, and employing *Foreigners*.
 By Ruining Our Trade of the *Woollen Manufactures*, and Dependents thereupon, and
 By Enabling *France, Holland and Flanders, &c.* (now greatly striving for that End) to deprive us of it.
- II. Want of Employment for the *Poor* will be a Cause,
 Of Great Charges upon Lands and Estates to Maintain them;
 Or of their Starving:
 Or of Exporting themselves whither *Wool* is Exported, &c.
 And Starving or Exporting themselves for want of Employment, will not only be a Cause of the falling of the Value of *Lands*, by lessening the Number of the Consumers of the Products thereof, but also of Weakening the Nation; for the fewer the People shall be, the less the value of *Lands* must needs be, and the less the Strength of the Nation.
 And maintaining them here in Idleness (which is the bane of Humane Nature) will also Empoverish the Nation, and be of very dangerous Consequence.
 For the Poorer the Nation shall be, tho' Populous, the less its Defence.
 If Riches may be allow'd to be the Sinews of War, a Thing never to be disregarded.
 So that 'twill be bad for the Nation, if the *Poor People* shall live here under such Idle and Chargeable Circumstances, or Starve, or go Away.
- III. The less Occasion there shall be of our *Manufactures* abroad (by means of the Exportation of *Wooll*,)
 The less Occasion for Shipping, and the Poorer and Weaker the Nation in General must needs be.
 Our *Manufactures* Exported (and not the single Products of our *Lands*) being the chief Cause of our Riches, which are brought from other Nations in return for the same.
- IV. It has been calculated by a mean Proportion, that the Nation loses Six or Seven times the Value of all *Wooll* Exported by its being *Manufactured* by *Foreigners*, instead of our own People (all that's got by Labour, Industry and Art, being clearly gain'd) and the loss already has been accounted to be between Two and Three Millions *per Annum* by that Rule (which is very much within the Compass of Possibility and Probability.)
- V. Exportation of *Wooll* has been modestly reckon'd to be 60000 *l. per Annum* loss to the *King*, in his Customs Outwards, besides the consequential Loss Inwards, much greater.
 And these Evils may still increase without prevention, and if so, then we may by degrees be prejudicially supply'd by *Foreigners*, with their *Manufactures* made of our *Wooll*, instead of our supplying them; and so our Loss will be double.
- VI. There are several well-Intended Laws already made for Remedy thereof, but the same could not be effectually put in Execution, for want of a Fund to defray the Charge of the Management of so good a Work.
- VII. If your Honours shall be pleas'd, by a new, more effectual Law, to establish a necessary Fund, for Salaries for a sufficient Number of proper Officers, to be legally deputed to hinder the Exportation of *Wooll*, under the management of Men, well Skill'd and Interest-ed in the *Woollen Manufactures*, according to late Votes of Parliament, it is undoubtedly believed that these Evils will soon have an End.

All which is humbly offer'd to the Great Wisdom of this Honourable House, with all Submission, &c.

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By William Woodbury.

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The Honorable the President of the Senate,
 Washington, D. C.
 Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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